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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sirs:

In response to the Official Action mailed on May 5, 2004, in connection with the above-identified patent application, please consider the following amendments and remarks. Response to the Office Action is due on November 5, 2004, with a three-month (3) extension of time. The Applicants submit concurrently a Petition for Extension of Time for 3 months, to and including November 5, 2004, accompanied by the required fee.

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.